



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending June 22, 2014

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, June 22, 2014. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 21 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hammond to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 86.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle to 96.0 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. The precipitation for this week was minimal throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the southeast.

Crop progress for week ending June 22, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, silked	96	88	99	99
Corn, dough	21	-	20	39
Cotton, emerged	100	99	100	100
Cotton, squaring	49	36	42	65
Cotton, setting bolls	1	-	0	7
Hay, first cutting	91	85	90	95
Hay, second cutting	13	-	8	12
Peaches, harvested	42	31	32	29
Rice, emerged	100	99	100	100
Rice, headed	12	3	10	22
Sorghum, headed	50	19	39	51
Soybeans, planted	98	97	97	98
Soybeans, emerged	93	91	93	96
Soybeans, blooming	49	35	28	39
Sweet Potatoes, planted	85	71	96	89
Winter Wheat, harvested	96	86	98	100

Crop condition for week ending June 22, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	0	1	25	57	17
Cotton	0	1	20	64	15
Livestock	1	7	29	55	8
Pasture	0	7	33	50	10
Rice	0	1	21	60	18
Sorghum	0	1	42	46	11
Soybeans	2	9	22	46	21
Sugarcane	4	13	33	38	12
Vegetables	1	9	38	47	5

Comments

“Vegetable producers are harvesting bell peppers, tomatoes, and spraying to control insects in tomato fields.”

– Sandra Benjamin, Tangipahoa

“Leaf blast and sheath blight disease found in rice with fungicide applications going out as well as herbicide applications on later planted rice. Soybean fields are finally drying out and some have been re-planted twice with some scalding issues in fields. Hay cutting is ongoing with a few days of dryer weather predicted. Crawfish harvest is still holding on with stocking of next year’s ponds continuing.”

–Keith A Fontenot, Evangeline

“Some diseases are turning up in rice fields and fungicide applications are being considered. Rice is starting to head and farmers are on the lookout for stinkbugs. Sugarcane is growing well now as pastures are too. Some parts of the parish need some rain and some have had too much. Soybeans are growing out of water stress from the heavy rainfall that caused flooding in most places.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion

“With less rain this week, farmers were busy finishing lay-by and working fallow ground. Sugarcane and soybeans were sprayed for weed control. Soybeans are progressing nicely. Sugarcane continues to progress, but still seems to be a little behind schedule for this time of year. Some pastures were fertilized as well this week.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia

“The weather pattern has changed for the good as drying conditions move in. Soybean producers continue to struggle with replants behind isolated heavy rain events. A large number of acres have been inundated multiple times. Corn and grain sorghum crops are really shaping up nice, the rice crop is beginning to head out in areas, hay producers are taking advantage of ideal conditions for baling, and crawfish producers are shutting down with the heat of summer. Sugarcane is growing real well.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending June 22, 2014

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	90.4	72.6	81.5	79.6	1.9	0.00	0	-1.23	2.78	-1.64
Mooringsport	89.6	74.1	81.9	80.4	1.5	0.00	0	-1.24	1.24	-3.17
Red River	91.0	74.1	82.6	80.8	1.8	0.00	0	-1.21	3.31	-0.97
Shreveport	NA	NA	NA	80.2	NA	NA	0	NA	5.08	2.00
Extreme/Average	90.3	73.6	82.0	80.2	1.7	0.00	0	-1.23	3.10	-0.94
North Central										
Calhoun	91.3	70.7	81.0	78.7	2.3	0.00	1	-0.96	6.01	1.80
Farmerville	89.7	73.4	81.6	79.4	2.1	NA	2	-1.38	3.60	-1.68
Homer	90.0	70.3	80.2	77.8	2.4	0.12	0	-0.20	0.85	-0.14
Extreme/Average	90.3	71.5	80.9	78.7	2.3	0.06	2	-0.85	3.49	-0.01
Northeast										
Lake Providence	89.0	73.6	81.3	80.3	1.0	0.17	0	-0.53	7.52	5.43
St Joseph	91.0	73.0	82.0	81.0	1.1	0.00	2	-0.68	5.73	1.96
Tallulah	90.8	73.2	82.0	80.1	2.0	0.82	1	0.10	12.50	8.53
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	80.7	NA	NA	1	NA	5.98	5.16
Extreme/Average	90.3	73.3	81.8	80.5	1.4	0.33	2	-0.37	7.93	5.27
West Central										
Ashland	90.3	70.3	80.3	79.2	1.1	0.14	0	-1.00	4.73	-0.81
Hodges Gardens	90.3	72.0	81.2	80.5	0.9	0.00	0	-0.48	8.17	4.49
Leesville	91.7	70.6	81.1	79.4	1.8	0.08	1	-1.17	5.92	1.23
Natchitoches	89.1	72.4	80.8	81.1	-0.3	0.22	0	-1.14	4.03	-0.07
Extreme/Average	90.3	71.3	80.8	80.0	0.9	0.11	1	-0.95	5.71	1.21
Central										
Alexandria	90.4	73.0	81.7	81.3	0.4	0.00	2	-1.32	7.68	2.95
Bunkie	90.9	72.9	81.9	80.8	1.1	NA	1	-1.33	10.58	5.49
Eunice	91.0	72.1	81.6	82.3	-0.7	0.63	0	-0.66	12.60	7.82
Jonesville Locks	90.6	72.6	81.6	80.8	0.8	0.00	0	-1.17	10.14	5.60
New Roads	93.3	73.1	83.2	81.4	1.8	0.00	1	-1.42	9.85	4.77
Extreme/Average	91.2	72.7	82.0	81.3	0.7	0.16	2	-1.18	10.17	5.33
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.26	1	-1.59	10.08	3.96
Hammond	91.1	70.0	80.6	80.1	0.5	0.30	2	-1.14	10.81	5.90
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.13	3	NA	10.06	NA
Slidell	88.3	72.8	80.6	NA	NA	0.02	1	NA	10.81	NA
Extreme/Average	89.7	71.4	80.6	80.1	0.5	0.18	3	-1.36	10.44	4.93
Southwest										
Crowley	90.0	73.4	81.7	81.3	0.5	0.00	1	-1.73	12.34	6.16
DeRidder	89.9	72.0	80.9	80.7	0.3	0.08	0	-1.48	5.84	0.50
Jennings	90.3	74.1	82.2	81.0	1.2	0.10	1	-1.59	13.42	7.59
Oberlin Fire	89.0	71.3	80.2	80.4	-0.1	0.35	2	-1.08	8.99	3.39
Extreme/Average	89.8	72.7	81.3	80.8	0.4	0.13	2	-1.47	10.15	4.41
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.4	72.3	81.4	80.7	0.7	0.02	2	-1.80	14.11	7.92
Jeanerette	89.7	72.4	81.1	81.2	-0.1	0.42	0	-1.62	7.80	1.26
Lafayette	91.4	73.9	82.6	80.6	2.0	0.00	2	-1.59	14.41	8.89
Morgan City	90.7	73.8	82.3	80.8	1.5	0.86	2	-0.65	6.35	1.17
Extreme/Average	90.5	73.1	81.8	80.8	1.0	0.33	2	-1.42	10.67	4.81
Southeast										
Galliano	87.9	75.7	81.8	81.2	0.6	0.22	2	-1.57	8.89	2.72
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.00	NA	-0.83	17.14	11.09
Grand Isle	86.9	78.3	82.6	NA	NA	2.51	2	1.23	8.93	5.23
New Orleans	96.0	76.0	86.0	NA	NA	1.34	NA	NA	4.17	NA
Extreme/Average	90.3	76.7	83.5	81.2	0.6	1.27	2	-0.39	9.78	6.35
State	90.3	73.0	81.6	80.5	1.0	0.30	1	-1.03	8.20	3.71

DFN = Departure from Normal.
NA = Not Available.